GP 1653 y certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as First Class Mail in an velope addressed to Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C., 20231, on the date indicated below. 2000 DATE: PATENT IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE : Group Art Unit 1653 Patent Application of RECEIVED In re: Susan J. Kirst et al. Appln. No.: 09/596,194 : Examiner: TECH CENTER 1600/2900 Filed: June 16, 2000 : Attorney Docket : No. 10147-11U1 (210147.0025 For: **NOVEL GENES ENCODING PROTEINS** HAVING DIAGNOSTIC, PREVENTIVE, (MB1099-054) DEC n 5 20008 THERAPEUTIC, AND OTHER USES INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT TECH CENTER 1600/2900 It is requested that the reference(s) listed on the attached Information Disclosure Citation Form PTO-1449 be considered by the Patent Examiner in connection with the above-identified application and be made of record therein. Copies of the references were previously cited by and/or submitted to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in related Application No. 09/342,364 , filed (the "prior application"). The present application relies, under 35 U.S.C. § 120, on the filing date of the prior application. Therefore, under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(d), copies of the references are not enclosed. Independent consideration and acknowledgment of the listed reference(s) are respectfully requested. Respectfully submitted, Susan J. Kirst Ġ*A*ŔŸ D. COLBŸ, Ph.D., J.D. Registration No. 40,961 AKIN, GUMP, STRAUSS, HAUER & FELD, L.L.P. One Commerce Square 2005 Market Street - Suite 2200

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